GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

All India Services – IPS – Disciplinary Proceedings initiated against Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), former Additional Director General of Police, Intelligence (now Retired) for making certain comments on 04.04.2021 at Secretariat Premises, Velagapudi – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Further action dropped - Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.D) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1769 Dated:15.10.2024

Read the following:

1. GO Rt No.767, G.A. (SC.D) Department dt.18.04.2021.
2. Written Statement of Defence Dt.17.05.2021, received from Sri A.B.Venkateswara Rao, IPS.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, Disciplinary proceedings have been initiated by issue of Article of Charge (AoC) against Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS, (1989), former Additional Director General of Police, Inetlligence, for speaking to Media on 04.04.2021 during which he made certain comments with regard to ongoing enquiry being conducted against him in a disciplinary case.

2. Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (1989), in the reference 2nd read above has submitted his Written Statement of Defence denying the charge framed against him.

3. The issue has been examined. It observed that the charge framed against the Member of Service is that after attending the inquiry before Commissioner of Inquiries in a disciplinary case, he spoke to media on 04.04.2021 regarding the ongoing Inquiry which has effect of adverse criticism of Government and is unbecoming of Government Servant. Sri A.B. Venkateswara Rao, IPS (RR:1989), in his written statement of defence has submitted that he did not call any person or released a press note and only answered the questions posed by the press which did not constitute the effect of adverse criticism of any current or a recent policy or action of Government. After careful examination of the matter it is observed that Sri A.B.Venkateswara Rao, IPS (now Retried) has only replied to the question of the press and not convened press meet. Moreover, utterances are general in nature in response to the questions asked by the press and do not constitute criticism on Government. It is therefore decided to drop further action against Sri A.B.Venkateswara Rao, IPS(RR:1989) (now Retired).

4. Accordingly, Government hereby drop further action against Sri A.B.Venkateswara Rao, IPS. (1989) (now retired) on the charges framed in the G.O. 1st read above.

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5. The Director General of Police (HoPF), Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri shall take necessary further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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